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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Walpole – Fire & EMS Operations Center in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Walpole, located at 278 Main Street, Walpole, NH 03608.

The funding would be used for the construction of an up-to-date and efficient emergency response center. The Walpole Fire Station needs many upgrades to comply with state and local building codes, provide adequate office space for first responders, increased space for ambulance operations, and space for a new Emergency Operations Center. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer's funds because it will provide a safe and essential operational space for first responders and improve the department's ability to protect and serve the regional population. In addition to improving emergency services for citizens in Walpole, the Fire and EMS personnel will serve surrounding communities, too.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 2331 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code section 950aaa.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Ann McLane Kuster

Member of Congress